

Sinclair Broadcasting has decided to coerce their stations to air a lie, which is why media consolidation is so dangerous. We no longer have a democracy when we have a press that pretends to be free and media outlets pretending to air news.

It is clear and quite obvious that the broadcasting of this anti-Kerry documentary is aimed at doing harm. This kind of ugly and untrue bias, masking itself as news, only harms American democracy, and I consider it an act of violence. It's a kind of terrorism.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. Instead of something produced at "News Central" far away, it's more important that we see real people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.